



APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY  
OF THE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS

# YOUTH BYLAWS

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**Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus**

# **MESSENGERS OF PEACE**

**Bylaws**

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## INTRODUCTION

The General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus has granted authorization to the youth members of the Apostolic Assembly to organize themselves into auxiliaries from the national to the local level. This department will function by obeying the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ and the instructions of its authorities.

The young people have taken on the task of structuring the auxiliaries at all levels of the organization. These bylaws have been established, which contain the method of elections, the structural and administrative organization, the responsibilities, and administrative functions with which these auxiliaries may organize themselves to direct and watch over their inherent interests and those of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The primary objectives of the Youth Messengers of Peace Auxiliaries are: to encourage the numerical growth of the group, maintain spiritual unity, strengthen fraternal fellowship and love among its members; also to accept the delegations and commissions that are conferred upon them by higher authorities.

The General Board of Directors, based on the provisions of Article 44, Clause IV of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly, has appointed the Study Commission to carry out the review and study of the bylaws of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace to be presented through a proposed initiative in accordance with the provisions of Article 86 of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly.

The Study Commission has diligently reviewed these bylaws and we are presenting an updated document of most of its articles, seeking first that these respond to the current challenges and needs of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace; and second, that they express a sense of organization in a contemporary language.

Care has been taken to ensure that these bylaws are in complete harmony with the doctrinal principles, organization and economy outlined in the articles of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly.

Study Commission

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## **Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus**

# **Bylaws of the Messengers of Peace Youth Auxiliaries**

## **FIRST CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **TITLE**

- I. The title of this department shall be: Messengers of Peace Youth Auxiliaries. The Confederation, federations, local auxiliaries and members shall be mentioned in these bylaws under the name “Messengers of Peace”.
- II. Official Text: “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4.12.
- III. Purpose: For the spiritual, moral, physical, social and economic development of the Youth Messengers of Peace.

### **ARTICLE 2**

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE AUXILIARIES OF THE MESSENGERS OF PEACE**

- I. The Messengers of Peace Youth Auxiliaries shall be organized in accordance with Article 44, Clause I, of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus.
- II. In each local congregation, the young people shall be organized as a group named the Local Auxiliary of Youth Messengers of Peace, in accordance with Article 41, Clause I, of these Bylaws.
- III. In the districts where it is agreed, sector leaders will be established. The sector leader will assist the District directors.
- IV. In the Regions of National Missions where it is agreed, they will be organized in a group called: Regional Messengers of Peace.
- V. A Federation of Youth Messengers of Peace shall be organized in each district.
- VI. At the national level of the Apostolic Assembly, the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace shall be formed that will work with the federations.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CONFEDERATION**

The Confederation of Messengers of Peace Youth Auxiliaries has been organized to:

- I. To ensure the edification of the Messengers of Peace in their spiritual and personal development; providing them with the opportunity and the means to serve in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, making them disciples to continue fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47).
- II. Assist the General Board of Directors in the development of programs that involve the Messengers of Peace (Ephesians 4:16 and 1 Peter 2:17).
- III. Help with the needs of the local church at all levels of the organization and respond to the needs of general interest of the Apostolic Assembly.
- IV. Ensure that spiritual fellowship continues among the members.
- V. Procure by all possible means, mutual help and protection among all its members.
- VI. Cultivate fellowship among all Messengers of Peace, at every level of the organization, and with the other auxiliary ministries of the Apostolic Assembly.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. To lead the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace and coordinate the work of the districts and local auxiliaries, a Board of Directors shall be elected, made up of a President, Secretary and a Treasurer.
- II. The General Advisor of the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace shall be the Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly, or the official designated by him, in accordance with Article 44, Clause 3 of the Constitution.
- III. The Board of Directors of the Confederation, with approval by the Bishop President, may appoint committees for specific programs. He may also propose the appointment of national coordinators to develop special ministries. The names of these coordinators shall be submitted to the local Pastor, District Bishop, and General Board of Directors for approval prior to serving.

**SECOND CHAPTER**

**ARTICLE 5**  
**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Male church member at least 21 years old, single or married.
- II. Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38).
- III. Baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4).
- IV. Faithful member in full communion in his local church, in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of the Apostolic Assembly.
- V. Ordained Minister of the Apostolic Assembly.



- VI. Has worked faithfully and actively in the Messengers of Peace Youth Auxiliary.
- VII. Has the knowledge and ability to develop the work of the position in which they will serve.
- VIII. It is recommended that they have the ability to communicate effectively in the English and Spanish languages.
- IX. Demonstrate their readiness to serve and be subject to the established spiritual authorities.
- X. Has a recommendation from their Pastor and District Bishop as a committed and trustworthy person.
- XI. If married, has the support of his wife.
- XII. Be approved by the Qualifying Commission.
- XIII. Must have their legal documents and/or legal status in order in the country where they reside, in order to fulfill their obligation as a leader.
- XIV. Must have the technological skills necessary to carry out their work, continuously updating their skills.
- XV. Must have the necessary time available to fulfill the essential obligations of their new responsibility, while continuing to fulfill their obligations at the local church.
- XVI. The candidates will join the global mission of the Apostolic Assembly to Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, and Evangelize the World. This shall be reflected at each level of leadership of the Youth Auxiliaries of Messengers of Peace, as well as in their evangelistic, educational and economic efforts.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Has been President of a Federation for one full term since his election and has satisfactorily fulfilled his mandate.
- II. Has occupied and satisfactorily served a full term since his election in any other position on the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Has occupied and satisfactorily fulfilled one term in a position on the Federation Board of Directors, or satisfactorily served as National Coordinator for two years.
- II. Has been a baptized member of the Apostolic Assembly for a minimum of six years.
- III. Has secretarial knowledge and/or experience.
- IV. Has a basic knowledge in administration.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE TREASURER OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Has occupied and satisfactorily fulfilled one term in a position on the Federation Board of Directors, or satisfactorily served as National Coordinator for two years.
- II. Has been a baptized member of the Apostolic Assembly for a minimum of six years.
- III. Has a basic knowledge in accounting and/or finance.

## **THIRD CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 9**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Work directly and closely with the district board of directors of the Messengers of Peace to ensure the auxiliaries are functioning properly.
- II. Will be the presiding officer at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Confederation.
- III. Shall represent the Confederation in all official functions or send another member of the Board of Directors of the Confederation as his delegate.
- IV. Will present a calendar of activities and the annual budget to the General Board of Directors on the designated date.
- V. Ensure that information relevant to the work of the Messengers of Peace is provided at all levels of the organization.
- VI. Implement programs that help edify the Messengers of Peace in their spiritual and personal development.
- VII. With prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor of the District or Regional Elder, may visit the Federation, Sector and Local Auxiliaries, as well as those districts or regions where a Federation of Messengers of Peace has not yet been organized, in order to help and guide in the work that corresponds to the same organization.
- VIII. Must take into account the respective authorities when taking action on the agreements reached at the General Convention, by the General Board of Directors, or by the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- IX. Shall work in harmony with the Bishop Supervisors of the District and Regional Elders to encourage all Messengers of Peace to faithfully comply with the provisions stipulated in these bylaws.
- X. Prior to the General Convention and other national or regional activities, he shall meet with his Board of Directors to formulate the agenda and program of activities to be held during the General Convention or the National or Regional activity. All activities must be approved by the General Board of Directors.
- XI. Shall present legal contracts for all events to the Bishop President and the General Board of Directors, for their analysis and approval. The General Board of Directors shall give instructions so that the institutional, economic and legal requirements are fulfilled in these events.

- XII. In accordance with District authorities, shall promote activities sponsored by the Messengers of Peace during District and Regional Conventions of the Apostolic Assembly.
- XIII. With prior approval of the Advisor, shall meet with his Board of Directors and with district or regional delegates whenever necessary, or at least once a year. The meeting agenda for the Board of Directors shall include:
  - a. Collect information from the Federations and Regions.
  - b. Instruct, inform and guide the Federations and Regions.
  - c. Exchange ideas.
  - d. Prepare the national work agenda.
- XIV. Ensure that the other members of the Board of Directors of the Confederation faithfully fulfill their responsibilities.
- XV. Shall make every effort to attend, or if unable to attend send a representative, to Conventions or District and Regional Activities to support, encourage and edify all young people in these activities.
- XVI. With prior authorization of the Bishop President, he may delegate his representation to another member of his board of directors when necessary.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Shall attend all meetings called by the President, in person or virtually.
- II. Shall attend all activities programmed by the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- III. Shall take minutes of all ordinary or extraordinary meetings of the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- IV. Receive, reply, and send the official national correspondence.
- V. Shall convey information to the districts or regions regarding activities sponsored and organized by the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- VI. All official correspondence or promotional material must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Confederation, and signed by the President and Secretary before being distributed.
- VII. Files:
  - a. Shall receive and maintain the records and documents of prior administrations in the general offices of the Apostolic Assembly.
  - b. File all minutes and documents related to the work of the Board of Directors of the Confederation.
  - c. File a copy of all financial reports presented in a meeting by the Treasurer of the Confederation.
  - d. Keep and file an updated record of the District and Regional Boards of Directors.
  - e. These files shall be updated and available for review by the Bishop President or Advisor of

the Confederation of Messengers of Peace, when required.

- VIII. Shall send to the National Advisor and Bishop General Secretary of the Apostolic Assembly a copy of all minutes, official documents and corresponding reports of their office.
- IX. Maintain an updated portfolio of all official documents and all activities of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace to transfer at the end of their term to the next Secretary-elect.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. Shall attend all meetings called by the President, in person or virtually.
- II. Shall attend all activities programmed by the Confederation of Messengers of Peace

#### **Administration of Funds**

- III. The accounts of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace shall be officially administered at the general offices of the Apostolic Assembly.
- IV. Money collected from registrations at national conferences and offerings collected at those events shall be deposited in a bank account of the Apostolic Assembly. A record of these deposits shall be sent to the Assistant of the Confederations at the general offices.
- V. Administer the funds under his responsibility, under the supervision of the President of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace and the National Advisor.
- VI. Keep a record of all bank account transactions entrusted to him, be it savings or checking accounts.
- VII. Shall be responsible for promoting, informing, and collecting funds from the federations and Regions.
- VIII. Make expenditures in accordance with these bylaws and send authorized allotments, once they have been authorized by the President of the Confederation, and have the approval of the National Advisor.
- IX. Each reimbursement or expense must receive prior approval of the President of the Confederation.
- X. Provide a report on the state of accounts of the treasury of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace at its meeting at the General Convention, at its board of directors meeting, and when its President deems it necessary.
- XI. Prepare for the General Convention and for the President of the Confederation a report of monies collected, by the designated date.
- XII. The Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly has the authority to intervene in the disbursement of money of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace, after they have fulfilled the normal obligations of its department. The aforementioned intervention must be made in writing.

## **FOURTH CHAPTER**

**ARTICLE 12**  
**ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT**

- I. Request authorization from the Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly of the program for the celebration of ordinary and extraordinary activities that take place simultaneously with the activities of the general conventions.
- II. When necessary, and with prior approval from the National Advisor of the Confederation, request reports from Confederation, Federation and Regional officials.
- III. He shall receive financial assistance to attend official meetings and activities.
- IV. He shall receive a monthly allowance, according to the economic possibilities of its treasury, under the direction of the National Advisor and approval by the General Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 13**  
**ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. He shall assume the responsibility of the presidency when the President for some justified reason cannot or should not continue in his functions. Therefore, it will be necessary for the Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly to give his approval and to administer the oath of office.
- II. All of the Secretary's authorized expenses shall be paid by the treasury of the Confederation.
- III. He shall request data and reports from the Federations and Regions that are relevant to the office of the secretary of the Confederation.
- IV. He shall sign jointly with the President all official documents of the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace.
- V. He shall receive financial aid to attend official meetings and activities.
- VI. He shall receive a monthly allowance, according to the economic possibilities of its treasury, under the direction of the National Advisor and approval by the General Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. All of the Treasurer's authorized expenses shall be paid by the treasury of the Confederation.
- II. The Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace may request reports from the Federations or Regions with prior authorization of the Advisor and the corresponding Bishop or Regional Elder.
- III. He shall receive financial aid to attend official meetings and activities.
- IV. He shall receive a monthly allowance, according to the economic possibilities of its treasury, under the direction of the National Advisor and approval by the General Board of Directors.

## **FIFTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 15**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. The monies of the Confederation will be administered by the General Offices of the Apostolic Assembly.
- II. The annual budget shall be used for administrative expenses, for the allowance of the officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation, and national activities in accordance with Articles 12, 13, and 14 of these bylaws.
- III. The Board of Directors of the Confederation shall not determine or order the distribution of monies from its treasury beyond the approved budget.

### **ARTICLE 16**

#### **ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. The Confederation of Messengers of Peace shall present their budget annually, by the date designated by the Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly, for analysis, resolution and approval by the General Board of Directors.
- II. The budget presented to the General Board of Directors shall take into account the income and expenditures deemed necessary, within the possibilities of its treasury; and must present a positive net income.

### **ARTICLE 17**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE TERM OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. The tenure of the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace shall be four years from the date of their election, or until the new officers are elected.
- II. No officer can simultaneously occupy another administrative position at any other level, unless they have received authorization to do so from the Bishop President.
- III. Officers on the Board of Directors of the Confederation may serve in the same office for a maximum of eight years or two terms. The years of interim service by election or appointment shall not count towards the maximum of eight years of service.
- IV. The officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation may serve a maximum of twelve consecutive years.
- V. At the end of their term, the officers shall present a written report to the Bishop President or the official designated by him, and shall transfer their duties and corresponding assets to their successors, at an official transition meeting.

## **SIXTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 18**

#### **METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. The General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly will announce the date and time for the election of officers of the Confederation through a circular sent to the District Bishops or Regional Supervisors.
- II. Once it has been announced, the Board of Directors of the Confederation will inform the district and regional officials of the date and time of the elections, with the proper notice.
- III. Each District Bishop shall send two officers or ex-officers of the Federation to participate as candidates in the elections, with prior approval of the corresponding Pastor.
- IV. When it is not possible for one or both representatives to attend the elections, the District Board of Directors may appoint a delegate to take their place.
- V. In the national regions, the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder shall approve the delegates; who must have served on the Board of Directors of the Messengers of Peace of the district or region and fulfill the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- VI. The officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation in office shall have the right to vote with the prior consent of their Pastor or Bishop.

### **ARTICLE 19**

#### **QUALIFYING COMMISSION**

- I. At the General Convention, the General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly shall appoint the Qualifying Commission.
- II. The Qualifying Commission is responsible for confirming that all candidates meet the requirements established in these bylaws.
- III. The Qualifying Commission will take into account the candidates of the Auxiliaries of Messengers of Peace that have obtained the majority of votes, according to their capacity, suitability and rights.
- IV. The voting members present shall carry out the final election from among the approved candidates.
- V. If there are no candidates approved by these bylaws at the time of an election, the Qualifying Commission shall recommend candidates who, in their opinion, are the best qualified.
- VI. When one of the pre-candidates obtains a simple majority vote, the Qualifying Commission will inform the Electoral Commission so that the candidate may be declared elected for the position to which she was proposed

### **ARTICLE 20**

#### **ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

- I. The General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly shall appoint, at the General Convention, the Electoral Commission to direct and supervise the election process.
- II. The election of officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation shall be carried out by secret ballot.
- III. The Electoral Commission shall collect all the ballots, and after tallying the corresponding votes, shall present the results to the Qualifying Commission.
- IV. The Electoral Commission shall announce to the voting members present the names of the candidates approved by the Qualifying Commission.
- V. To qualify as a candidate for any position, the individual must be present at the time of the elections.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **ELECTION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS OF THE CONFEDERATION**

- I. The President of the Electoral Commission shall present the candidates who meet the requirements for the corresponding position, in accordance with the provisions in these bylaws.
- II. The election shall be conducted in this order: President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- III. The voting members present shall write the name of their candidate on the election ballot distributed for the corresponding position.
- IV. The President of the Electoral Commission shall send to the Qualifying Commission the names of the candidates selected, based on the election ballots cast by the voting members present.
- V. The Qualifying Commission shall approve the candidates for the corresponding position in accordance with the provisions in Articles 5 to 8 of these bylaws.
- VI. If a candidate does not wish to occupy the position for which they were nominated, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - a. The candidate shall have the right to decline after having been presented but before he has been prayed for.
  - b. The candidate must decline before the Qualifying Commission, in private, for consideration; and must only be announced to the voting members present if approved.
  - c. Once the declination has been accepted, a new selection will be made to substitute the decliner.
- VII. Upon receiving the list of candidates approved by the Qualifying Commission, the President of the Electoral Commission shall present the candidates for the corresponding position and, after praying for them, the election will proceed.
- VIII. The President of the Electoral Commission shall present the candidate elected with the highest number of votes or by overwhelming majority vote.
- IX. If in the election there is a tie, voting will continue to be held up to three times and if a tiebreak does not occur, it will be decided by fate.
- X. The Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly, or the person he has commissioned, shall swear



in the new elected officials. The swearing in shall take place in public or before the General Board of Directors as witnesses.

- XI. The elected officials shall assume their positions on the Board of Directors of the Confederation following the General Convention in which they were elected.
- XII. At the end of their administrative terms, each outgoing officer shall transfer all assets and monies belonging to the Confederation to the incoming officers. This shall take place at an official transition meeting within thirty days of the election.

## **SEVENTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 22**

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. In order to facilitate the work of the Messengers of Peace Confederation in relation to Sectors and Local Auxiliaries, federations shall be organized by districts or regions. It shall be carried out in accordance with Article 44, Clause II and III of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 23**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. A Board of Directors of the Federation or Region of Messengers of Peace shall be elected, at the district or regional level, to manage and carry out the corresponding work and to support the projects of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.
- II. The Board of Directors of the Federation or Region will also support and guide the local board of directors in promoting spiritual and numerical growth in each youth auxiliary.
- III. With the approval of the Bishop Supervisor, as the Advisor of the Federation or the authority delegated by him, the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region of Messengers of Peace shall appoint the necessary committees for the advancement of its activities.

## **EIGHTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 24**

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Male, at least 21 years of age, single or married.
- II. Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38).
- III. Baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4).
- IV. Faithful member in full communion at his local church, in accordance with the doctrine and

discipline of the Apostolic Assembly.

- V. It is recommended that he be an Ordained Minister of the Apostolic Assembly.
- VI. Has worked faithfully and actively in the Messengers of Peace Auxiliary at the local or sector level.
- VII. Has the knowledge and ability to accomplish the work of the position in which he will serve.
- VIII. It is recommended that they have the ability to communicate effectively in the English and Spanish languages.
- IX. Demonstrate their readiness to serve and be subject to the spiritual authorities established.
- X. Has the recommendation of their Pastor and District Bishop or the Bishop of National Missions and the Regional Elder as a committed and trustworthy person.
- XI. If married, has the support of his wife.
- XII. The candidates must be approved by the Qualifying Commission.
- XIII. Must have their legal documents and/or legal status in the country where they reside.
- XIV. Must have the necessary time available to fulfill their obligations with the Federation or Region, as well as at their local church.
- XV. Must attend all activities of the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region.
- XVI. Candidates must possess the technological skills necessary to carry out their work, continuously updating their skills.
- XVII. When the Bishop Supervisor or Regional Elder and Qualifying Commission consider it necessary, a young lady may be elected for a position on the Federation Board of Directors.
- XVIII. The candidates will join the global mission of the Apostolic Assembly to Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, and Evangelize the World. This shall be reflected at each level of leadership of the Youth Auxiliaries of Messengers of Peace, as well as in their evangelistic, educational and economic efforts.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Has occupied and satisfactorily completed one term on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Messengers of Peace. In Regional areas, it will be at the discretion of the corresponding authorities.
- II. Has satisfactorily served as President of the Local Messengers of Peace for at least two years; or was on the Local Board of Directors for at least four years, satisfactorily fulfilling their obligation.
- III. Has satisfactorily supported the activities and projects of the District or Region during their term as Local President of the Messengers of Peace.

## **ARTICLE 26**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. A faithful person and of good character, that has satisfactorily occupied and served at least one term on the Board of Directors of the Federation or on the Board of Directors of their local church.
- II. Has successfully served as a secretary in the local youth department for a minimum of two years.
- III. Has satisfactorily supported the activities and projects of the Confederation, District or Region during their term as a member of the Local Board of Directors of the Messengers of Peace.

#### **ARTICLE 27**

##### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE TREASURER OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. A faithful person and of good character, that has satisfactorily occupied and served at least one term on the Board of Directors of the Federation or on the Board of Directors of their local church.
- II. Has basic knowledge in treasury work and has satisfactorily completed a minimum of two years' experience in a treasury ministry at their local church.
- III. Has basic knowledge in accounting and/or finance.
- IV. Has satisfactorily supported the activities and projects of the Confederation, District or Region during their term as a member of the Local Board of Directors of the Messengers of Peace.

### **NINTH CHAPTER**

#### **ARTICLE 28**

##### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Will be in charge of the proper implementation and development of activities of the Federation of Messengers of Peace at the district or regional level.
- II. Will present a Work Plan, that at a minimum, includes the following:
  - a. An appropriately planned calendar of activities for the integral and effective growth of all members under his charge.
  - b. The budget for each activity.
  - c. A calendar of planned visits to the District or Regional churches to inform them of the activities and projects of the Federation.
- III. All event programs, projects and budgets relating to the Federation or Region must be previously approved by the Bishop Supervisor of the District, Secretary of National Missions or the respective Regional Elder.
- IV. Present all legal contracts for the celebration of activities to the Bishop Supervisor and the District Board of Directors or Secretary of National Missions and Regional Elder for their analysis and approval. The District Board of Directors or the Secretary of National Missions or Regional Elder shall give instructions so that the institutional, economic and legal requirements are met in these events.

- V. The President of the Federation or Region of Messengers of Peace shall carry out visits to the local auxiliaries of Messengers of Peace of the District or Region, with prior approval of the Bishop and the local pastor having been informed, to provide them with the necessary instruction and information for them to effectively carry out the work established by the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace, and the other projects recommended by the General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly.
- VI. In conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region, shall establish the committees needed for the implementation of programmed activities.
- VII. He or his delegate, will officiate at conferences and meetings that the Federation or Region carries out, presenting officials according to their respective categories and levels.
- VIII. He shall yield to the officers of the Confederation and Federation so they can present their corresponding reports.
- IX. Shall keep an updated record of all local boards of directors and the necessary contacts for the implementation of activities of the Federation or Region. At the end of his administration, he shall present the aforementioned records to the next President-elect, in an official transition meeting.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Create an official record of the names of the officers of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Messengers of Peace.
- II. Attend the meetings called by the President of the Federation.
- III. Attend activities programmed by the Federation.
- IV. Take minutes of the agreements made in all ordinary or extraordinary official meetings of the Board of Directors of the Federation.
- V. He shall sign jointly with the President all official correspondence of the Federation.
- VI. All official correspondence or promotional material must be approved and signed off by the President and Secretary before distribution.
- VII. Archives:
  - a. File all minutes and documents related to the work of the Board of Directors of the Federation.
  - b. Keep an updated record of all local boards of directors of the District or Region. This record shall be updated and filed every year of their administration.
  - c. File a copy of all financial reports presented in a meeting by the Treasurer. This file shall be ready at all times for review by the Bishop Supervisor or the Secretary of National Missions and Regional Elder or the National Ministry Board of Directors, as needed.
- VIII. Keep an updated file of all Federation activities including copies of programs, brochures, posters, correspondence, etc. At the end of their term, they shall transfer these files to the next secretary-elect in an official transition meeting.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Manage the funds under their responsibility.
- II. Attend meetings called by the President of the Federation.
- III. Attend activities programmed by the Federation.
- IV. Encourage participation in the Messengers of Peace "Precious Seed" fundraising campaign and other special projects that are approved.

#### **Administration of Funds**

- V. Will deliver the money of the Federation to the District Treasurer.
- VI. Follow the direction of the Bishop Supervisor of the District, or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder regarding management of the treasury and the bank account.
- VII. Keep financial records of all income and expenses.
- VIII. All expenses and/or budget must be previously approved by the Bishop Supervisor of the District or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- IX. Deposit and file receipts of all income.
- X. Ask for and file a receipt of all expenses.
- XI. Will maintain a reconciled report of the Federation's finances.
- XII. Distribute to the officers of the Federation the allowance that was approved by the Bishop and the Board of Directors of the District or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- XIII. He shall not disburse any amount of funds without the consent of the President of the District or Region, and with prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- XIV. Be prepared to disburse offerings and/or monetary gifts at events in accordance with the Board of Directors of the Federation and with prior approval of the Bishop Supervisor or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.

#### **Reports and Submissions**

- XV. Develop the necessary systems to appropriately manage the department's treasury.
- XVI. Present an updated financial report at each meeting, with sufficient copies for distribution to the corresponding officials.
- XVII. Following each event, he shall give a financial report on the event to the Bishop Supervisor or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder..
- XVIII. When requested, the Treasurer shall prepare a treasury report and send it to the Bishop Supervisor of the District or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder to the National Treasurer

of the Messengers of Peace.

- XIX. The Treasurer shall send all funds collected for national projects to the Confederation of Messengers of Peace on the appointed dates.
- XX. The Board of Directors of the District or Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder has the authority to intervene in the distribution of money from the Treasury of the Federation of Messengers of Peace, after it has fulfilled the ordinary obligations of its department. This intervention must be made in writing.

#### **Archives**

- XXI. File a copy of all financial reports, receipts, bank statements and all documents that validate the reports presented at a Federation meeting.
- XXII. These files shall be updated and available to the Bishop Supervisor or Board of Directors of the Confederation, when required.
- XXIII. At the end of their term, they shall transfer all files from their administration to the new Treasurer-elect in an official transition meeting.

## **TENTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 31**

#### **ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. The President, along with his Board of Directors, shall plan the ordinary and extraordinary activities that are held simultaneously with District Convention activities.
- II. Request approval from the Bishop Supervisor of the District, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder, of all activity programs, projects and budgets related to the Federation.
- III. When necessary, and with prior authorization of the Advisor of the Federation, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder, he shall request reports from the officers of the Federation.
- IV. He shall receive financial assistance to attend official meetings, whenever possible.
- V. He shall receive an allowance according to the economic possibilities of the treasury of the Federation.
- VI. The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine the amount of the allowance, with prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.

### **ARTICLE 32**

#### **ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATION**

- I. He shall assume the responsibility of the presidency when the President for some justified reason cannot or should not continue in his functions. Therefore, it will be necessary for the General Board of Directors of the District to give their approval, and to administer the oath of office.
- II. The Secretary's authorized expenses shall be paid by the treasury of the Federation.
- III. He shall request data and reports from the Federation or Region of Youth Messengers of Peace and the local auxiliaries that are relevant to the office of the secretary of the Federation.
- IV. He shall receive financial assistance to attend official meetings and activities, whenever possible.
- V. He shall sign jointly with the President of the Federation all official documents, when necessary.
- VI. He shall receive an allowance according to the economic possibilities of the treasury of the Federation.
- VII. The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine the amount of the allowance, with prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.

### **ARTICLE 33**

#### **ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE TREASURER OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. The Treasurer's authorized expenses shall be paid by the treasury of the Federation or Region.
- II. He shall receive financial assistance to attend official meetings and activities, whenever possible.
- III. He shall sign jointly with the President of the Federation or Region all official documents, when necessary.
- IV. He shall receive an allowance according to the economic possibilities of the treasury of the Federation or Region. The General Board of Directors of the District or Region shall determine the amount of this allowance.
- V. The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine the amount of the allowance, with prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.

## **ELEVENTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 34**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. Federation monies shall be administered by the Treasurer of the Federation under the supervision of the District Treasurer or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- II. The funds shall be used for administrative expenses, allowance for the officers of the Board of Directors of the Federation, Regions and national activities, according to the economic possibilities

of the District budget.

- III. The Board of Directors of the Federation or Region shall not allocate funds beyond what is already outlined in these bylaws.
- VI. The Board of Directors of the Federation or Region shall present an annual budget to the Board of Directors of the District for its analysis, resolution and approval.

### **ARTICLE 35**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE TERM OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. The administrative term of the Federation or Region of Youth Messengers of Peace shall be four years from the date of their election, or until the new officers are elected.
- II. No officer can simultaneously occupy another administrative position at any other level, unless they have received authorization to do so from the Bishop Supervisor of the District or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- III. Officers who have satisfactorily completed one administrative term can be re-elected once to the same position.
- IV. Officers may serve a maximum of twelve consecutive years on the Board of Directors of the Federation.
- V. After a break of one term, the officers may again serve as candidates for the Federation Board of Directors.
- VI. At the end of their administrative term, each outgoing officer shall prepare a written report to the Bishop Supervisor, or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder, and the Federation, transferring all assets and monies that belong to the Federation or Region to the incoming officers. This shall take place in an official transition meeting within thirty days of their election.

### **ARTICLE 36**

#### **ELECTION PROCESS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERATION OR REGION**

- I. The Board of Directors of the Federation or Region shall be elected as outlined in the Fifth Chapter, Articles 18 to 21 of these bylaws.
- II. The Bishop Supervisor of the District shall appoint the Qualifying Commission and the Elections Commission following the model of Articles 19 and 20 of these bylaws.

### **ARTICLE 37**

#### **SUBDIVISION OF A FEDERATION**

- I. When a District by agreement of the General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly is



subdivided, the guidelines stipulated in the document “Formation of Districts” will be followed

- II. Both the money and assets in the Treasury of the subdivided Federation shall be distributed equitably between the two federations, or as determined by the General Board of Directors and the Bishop Supervisor of the District.

## **TWELFTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 38**

#### **REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SECTOR OR REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

- I. Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for at least two years (Acts 2:38).
- II. Baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4).
- III. At least 21 years old, single or married.
- IV. Faithful member in full communion in their local church, in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of the Apostolic Assembly.
- V. Has worked faithfully and actively in the Messengers of Peace Local Auxiliary.
- VI. Has the knowledge and ability to develop the work of the position in which they will serve.
- VII. Willing to serve and be subject to the established spiritual authorities.
- VIII. Has a recommendation from their Pastor and the approval of the Supervising Bishop or Regional Elder as a committed and trustworthy person.
- IX. If married, has the support of their spouse.
- X. Has satisfactorily supported the activities and projects of the Federation in their Local Youth Auxiliary.
- XI. Has the necessary time available to fulfill the essential obligations of their new responsibility, while continuing to fulfill their obligations at the local church.
- XII. It is recommended that they have the ability to communicate effectively in the English and Spanish languages.
- XIII. Has the technological skills necessary to carry out their work, continuously updating their skills.
- XIV. When the Bishop Supervisor and the Pastor consider it necessary, a young lady may be appointed for the position of Sector Coordinator.
- XV. The appointed coordinators will join the global mission of the Apostolic Assembly, which is to Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, and Evangelize the World. This shall be reflected in their evangelistic, educational and economic efforts.

### **ARTICLE 39**

#### **TERM OF THE SECTOR OR REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

- I. The period of administration of the Sector Coordinator will be at the request of the messengers of peace federation.
- II. May simultaneously occupy other administrative positions, with prior authorization of the Bishop Supervisor or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- III. Coordinators that have satisfactorily completed their administrative terms can be re-elected or adhere to what has been established by the Bishop Supervisor or the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder.
- IV. At the end of their administrative term, they shall prepare a written report to their Federation and hand over their position and corresponding assets.

#### **ARTICLE 40**

##### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECTOR OR REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

- I. Will be in charge of compiling the information that the Board of Directors of the Federation requires and delivering it to the appropriate official.
- II. Will work together with whom it corresponds to ensure the timely completion of the projects established by the Confederation and the Federation or Region by the deadlines established for the local boards of directors of its sector.
- III. Will be in charge of communicating and informing the local boards of directors of the activities of the Federation or Region.
- IV. Will also inform the local boards of directors of the agreements reached by the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region.
- V. Will be in charge of promoting the Federation or Region's activities and encouraging their sector to attend these activities.
- VI. Will not make any changes to what has been programmed by the Federation or Region; unless the change has been previously approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region.

### **THIRTEENTH CHAPTER**

#### **ARTICLE 41**

##### **ORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL MESSENGERS OF PEACE YOUTH AUXILIARIES**

- I. A Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace shall be organized in each congregation of the Apostolic Assembly, comprised by brothers and sisters baptized according to Acts 2.38, who are faithful in the local church according to the apostolic doctrine.

#### **ARTICLE 42**

##### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOCAL MESSENGERS OF PEACE YOUTH**

## **AUXILIARIES**

- I. A Local Board of Directors shall be elected to oversee and direct the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace. They may appoint committees for special projects with the counsel and approval of the Pastor.
- II. The administrative term of the Local Board of Directors shall be for one year.
- III. No officer on the Local Board of Directors can simultaneously occupy another administrative position unless they have authorization to do so from the Pastor.
- IV. Officers who satisfactorily complete their term can be re-elected up to three times.
- V. Officers who have faithfully and satisfactorily served in their administration, may be elected or appointed for more terms with prior authorization of their Pastor.
- VI. At the end of their administrative term, the local officers shall hand over their positions and corresponding assets.

## **ARTICLE 43**

### **ELECTION PROCESS OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- I. The Pastor shall choose the method of elections or selection of the Board of Directors of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
- II. When the Pastor chooses to hold an election, the officers of the Local Board of Directors shall be elected in accordance with the provisions in these bylaws.
- III. The need to elect alternates is at the discretion of the Pastor. The alternate officers must meet the same requirements as the officers, established in these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 44**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE LOCAL AUXILIARY**

- I. Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for at least two years (Acts 2:38).
- II. Baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4).
- III. Faithful member in full communion at their local church, in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of the Apostolic Assembly.
- IV. Works faithfully and actively in the Messengers of Peace Local Auxiliary.
- V. Demonstrate their readiness to serve and be subject to the spiritual authorities established.
- VI. Has an affirmation from their Pastor as a committed and trustworthy person.
- VII. It is recommended that they have the ability to communicate effectively in the English and Spanish languages.
- VIII. It is recommended that they have the knowledge and ability to accomplish the work of the position in which they will serve.

- IX. Possess spiritual integrity demonstrated by their personal and growing relationship with God, thus building a life with spiritual disciplines.
- X. The candidates elected to their position will join the mission and vision of the Apostolic Assembly, and shall be reflected in their evangelistic, educational and economic efforts.

## **FOURTEENTH CHAPTER**

### **ARTICLE 45 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL YOUTH PRESIDENT**

- I. The President shall be in charge of the proper implementation and function of activities programmed by the Local Board of Directors of Messengers of Peace.
- II. Prepare and present a Work Plan in accordance with the following:
  - a. Present a calendar of local, District or Regional, and Confederation activities in a meeting with the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
  - b. The activities on the calendar must be well balanced in order to produce an effective and integral growth in the members of the Local Auxiliary.
  - c. With the assistance of the Treasurer of the auxiliary, prepare an annual budget to cover the expenses of the activities planned for the year.
- III. All programmed activities, projects and budgets related to the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace must be approved by the Pastor.
- IV. He shall preside over ordinary and extraordinary local meetings so that all activities are carried out successfully.
- V. Shall comply with the projects established at the Local, District or Regional, and National levels.
- VI. When an official from the department's Federation, Region or Confederation visits the Local Auxiliary, he shall yield to the officer in a timely manner so he can present the pertinent information.
- VII. Shall make these bylaws accessible to the members, for their information; it is recommended that at the beginning of each year these be read at a meeting of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
- VIII. When their administrative term ends, all corresponding assets of their administration shall be turned in to the Pastor, and shall meet with their successor to ensure a smooth transition.

### **ARTICLE 46 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL YOUTH SECRETARY**

- I. Develop the promotion and programs for the activities of the Local Board of Directors.
- II. Take minutes of all ordinary or extraordinary meetings of the Local Board of Directors.
- III. Shall be responsible for the official correspondence of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.

- IV. Properly announce the relevant activities as required, with prior authorization of the President.
- V. File all the minutes and all official documents sent by the other levels of the administration that are relevant to the work of the Local Board of Directors.
- VI. File a copy of all financial reports presented by the Treasurer in a meeting. This file shall be ready at all times for review by the Pastor and the President.
- VII. Keep an updated record of the members of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
- VIII. Develop a Messengers of Peace Directory for better communication among its members.
- IX. With prior authorization of the Pastor, provide the information requested by officials of the District or Region, or the Confederation.
- X. Assist the President in preparing the official report.
- XI. When their term ends, hand over the minutes and archives of their administration to the Pastor.

**ARTICLE 47**  
**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL YOUTH TREASURER**

**Administration of Funds**

- I. Keep an official file of all finances related to the Local Auxiliary of Youth Messengers of Peace.
- II. Turn in all funds created by the local youth auxiliary to the general Treasury of the local church.
- III. Collect and file a receipt of all expenses.
- IV. All expenses and/or budgets must be approved by the Pastor.
- V. Shall be responsible for giving all offerings or disbursements that have been approved.

**Reports and Disbursements**

- VI. Develop the necessary systems to properly manage the department's treasury.
- VII. Prepare a monthly financial report for the Pastor and a report for each meeting of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace, providing sufficient copies for distribution to whom it corresponds.
- VIII. In accordance with the provisions of the attached document of the Apostolic Assembly "Pastor's Retirement", the Treasurer of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace shall give on a monthly basis 5%, 7%, or 10% of all monies received to the Pastor's retirement plan, excluding monies for national programs.
- IX. The General Treasurer of the local church shall make the corresponding deductions from all the income received by the Local Youth Auxiliary for the aforementioned retirement plan, with the exception of income for national projects.
- X. Ensure the submittal of funds for Federation and Confederation projects on the appointed dates.

**Archives**

- XI. File a copy of all financial reports presented in a meeting of the local auxiliary.

- XII. File a copy of all income and expense receipts related to activities.
- XIII. This file shall be ready at all times for review by the Pastor or Local Board of Directors as needed.
- XIV. At the end of their term, they shall hand over all funds of the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace to the general Treasurer of the local church, and all the assets to their successor.

**ARTICLE 48**  
**ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THE LOCAL AUXILIARY**

The following economic system has been established to collect the necessary funds to effectively fulfill the purpose of the Messengers of Peace Auxiliaries, as outlined in Article 3 of these bylaws:

- I. The Board of Directors of each Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace shall establish an economic system to raise funds for the auxiliary's treasury, with the approval of the Pastor.
- II. The economic plan of the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace Auxiliaries shall be called Precious Seed.
- III. On the third Sunday in February, each congregation shall celebrate a service called Apostolic Youth Day. At this service, a general offering shall be collected that must be sent to the President of the Federation of Youth Messengers of Peace.
- IV. The aforementioned offering shall be a minimum of \$100 and will help to cover the administrative programs of the Confederation and other programs approved by the General Board of Directors of the Apostolic Assembly.
- V. The Local Auxiliary shall not keep any portion of the Precious Seed offering collected; it is intended exclusively for the Federation of Youth Messengers of Peace.
- VI. In accordance with the provisions of the attached document of the Apostolic Assembly "Pastor's Retirement", dated February 15, 2007, the Treasurer of the Local Auxiliary of Youth Messengers of Peace shall give on a monthly basis 5%, 7%, or 10% of all monies received for the Pastor's retirement plan, except monies for national programs.
- VII. The Treasurer of the Local Board of Directors is responsible to send to the Treasurer of the Federation the monies agreed upon on the dates stipulated by the Federation, and with approval of the Pastor.
- VIII. When a Local Auxiliary of Youth Messengers of Peace comes to an end, the funds in its treasury must be transferred to the treasury of the local church.

**FIFTEENTH CHAPTER**

**ARTICLE 49**  
**ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL MEETINGS**

- I. The Local Auxiliaries of Youth Messengers of Peace will carry out fellowship, consecration,

edification and evangelistic activities.

- II. The purpose of these activities is to bring young people closer to God; brotherly love, anointing, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- III. When planning its annual program, ordinary youth meetings shall be scheduled by the Local Board of Directors with the approval of the Pastor.
- IV. Extraordinary local youth meetings shall be approved by the Pastor.

#### **ARTICLE 50 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL AUXILIARY**

- I. Attend all meetings and activities programmed by the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
- II. Matters of interest to the local church and the well-being of the Pastor and his family may be discussed in the meetings.
- III. All members of the local auxiliary must respect the agreements reached in an official meeting.
- IV. Support the activities established by the Boards of Directors at the Local, Federation, Region and National Confederation of Messengers of Peace levels.
- V. Comply with the economic projects and quotas assigned by all the levels of administration: Local, District or Regional, and National.
- VI. Participate in the work and activities that serve to raise funds for the benefit of the Lord's work.
- VII. Comply with all commissioned work of the local church that has been approved by the Pastor.
- VIII. Develop your spiritual gifts within the Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace.
- IX. Have a good testimony inside and outside the church.
- X. Be subject to the established spiritual authority, which is the Pastor, and the delegated spiritual authority, which are the officers.

#### **ARTICLE 51 SPECIAL NEEDS AND PROJECTS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

- I. When a special need or project arises, the Pastor will designate the personnel needed to do a study on the respective project or need.

### **SIXTEENTH CHAPTER**

#### **ARTICLE 52 GENERAL RULES FOR OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following rules shall apply to all levels:

- I. All officers mentioned in these bylaws may formally resign, in writing, in accordance with the provisions established in the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly.
- II. They may also be removed from office for the following reasons:
  - a. Not fulfilling the requirements in these bylaws.
  - b. Committing a fault against the doctrine or discipline of the Apostolic Assembly that warrants being put on trial or out of communion.
  - c. Frequently absent from scheduled meetings, without a valid reason.
- III. The following applies to all members absent from any election process:
  - a. Will not have the right to vote.
  - b. Will not have the right to be a candidate.
  - c. May not object to the results of the election.
  - d. Will support the elected officials.
- IV. All faithful members have the right to propose amendments to these bylaws, in the following manner:
  - a. Present their proposal to their immediate authority—Pastor, Elder, Regional Elder or Supervising Bishop.
  - b. If the authority accepts the proposal, it shall follow the established process.
  - c. The proposed amendments shall be incorporated in these bylaws only after going through the process stated in Article 86 of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly 2022.
- V. The order of authorities that act as advisors of the respective levels is as follows:
  - a. Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly – Confederation
  - b. Bishop Supervisor of the District – Federation or Regional Elder - Region
  - c. Bishop Secretary of National Missions – Region
  - d. Auxiliary Elder – Sector
  - e. Pastor – Local Auxiliary
- VI. These authorities may delegate their role to other officials.
- VII. Programming of activities:
  - a. All Confederation, Federation, Region, Sector and/or local auxiliaries programming shall take place with prior approval of the respective Advisor and the corresponding authorities where the activity will take place.
  - b. The order of priority for programming activities is as follows:
    1. Confederation
    2. Federation or Region
    3. Sector
    4. Local Auxiliary

### **Special Offerings**



VIII. The distribution of special offerings is the responsibility of the respective Board of Directors, with approval of the Advisor and corresponding authorities.

**ARTICLE 53  
PRECIOUS SEED**

- I. The National Confederation of Messengers of Peace is responsible for promoting the Precious Seed Program at the national level, which provides funds for the Confederation. They are also responsible for administering these funds.
- II. Each Federation or Region of Messengers of Peace is responsible for promoting the Precious Seed Program among the young people in the District, which provides funds for the Confederation. They are also responsible for receiving and turning in said funds.
- III. The Local Auxiliary of Messengers of Peace is responsible for encouraging each young person to join the Precious Seed Program, so that all the local youth support this activity with an offering.

**ARTICLE 54  
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

These projects will be those that the General Board of Directors, via the Bishop President, assigns to the National Confederation of Messengers of Peace.

- I. To raise the funds intended to carry out the special projects, the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace shall assign and make known in writing the purpose of the special project assigned.
- II. At least one special project shall be assigned annually.
- III. To collect the funds for the special projects, each Federation or Region will meet with the local Boards of Directors of the churches in order to agree on the method of acquiring said funds.
- IV. The local youth Treasurer shall send all the funds collected for the special project to the Treasurer of the Federation or Region, on the date stipulated and with the approval of the Pastor. The Treasurer of the Federation or Region shall send all these funds to the General Offices, and a detailed report of the same to the Treasurer of the Confederation, on the date stipulated.
- V. Youth Messengers of Peace Camps or Retreats: To celebrate these activities at the different levels, authorization from the corresponding authorities is required.

**SEVENTEENTH CHAPTER**

**ARTICLE 55  
RECESSES, RESIGNATIONS AND CESSATIONS**

- I. When an officer on the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Youth Messengers of Peace

leaves their functions due to death, irrevocable waiver or cessation, a meeting of the Presidents of the Federation or Region shall be convened within thirty days to elect the new officer, with the approval of the National Advisor or his designee.

- II. If there are less than six months left before the elections, the General Board of Directors shall appoint the new officer.
- III. When an officer on the Board of Directors of the Federation or Region of Youth Messengers of Peace leaves their functions due to death, irrevocable resignation or cessation, a meeting of the local presidents shall be convened within thirty days to elect the new officer, with the approval of the District or Regional Advisor, or his designee.
- IV. If there are less than six months left before the elections, the General Board of Directors of the District or Region shall appoint the new officer.
- V. The method of electing these new officers shall be the one stipulated in the Sixth Chapter, Articles 18 to 21 of these bylaws.
- VI. When an officer on the Local Board of Directors of Youth Messengers of Peace leaves their functions due to death, irrevocable resignation or cessation, the Pastor shall appoint the new officer.

#### **ARTICLE 56**

#### **PROCEDURES TO AMEND THESE BYLAWS**

- I. To amend these bylaws, the Bishop President of the Apostolic Assembly and the General Board of Directors shall form a commission that will work with the officers of the Confederations.
- II. The proposed amendments shall be incorporated into these bylaws only after having gone through the process stipulated in Article 86 of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly 2022.

